



DR. PLAXTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE BUZZ

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY TYSLAU

It is difficult to realize that we are in the final month of the school year already! With warm weather comes more and more opportunity to learn outside and for students to spend more time in their wellness classes participating in outdoor games and activities. We still have lots of learning to do this month, and our staff continues to plan and prepare meaningful and engaging learning opportunities each day. We have some school-level activities planned this month, and individual classes and grade levels are also planning some fantastic June events. Please be sure to check the calendars! On behalf of all our staff, we want to wish you a safe, restful and family-filled summer holiday. We want to thank you for sending us your kids each day this year and look forward to having them back soon. Thank you for trusting us with your children and for the honor of teaching them in 2023/24.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, June 10

Hot Lunch - Booster Juice & Hot Dog

Thursday, June 13

Welcome to Kindergarten - 5-6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 18

Gr 3,4,5 Water Fight

Tuesday, June 18

A&W Hot Lunch (order by June 7)

Wednesday, June 19

Kindergarten, Gr 1, 2 Water Fight

Wednesday, June 19

School Council Meeting - 7PM

Plaxton Society Meeting - 8PM

Thursday, June 20

Sports Day (hat, water bottle, sunscreen)

Friday, June 21

Grade 5 Farewell - 10:30 AM

Friday, June 21

Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, June 26

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



TEACHER STAFFING 2024-2025

Kindergarten - Mrs. Baker

Gr. 1 - Mrs. Walker, Mrs. DeJong, Mrs. Pirie

Gr. 2 - Mrs. Leavitt, Mrs. Herbst, Mrs. Norton

Gr. 3 - Mrs. Goruk, Ms. Dykslag, Mrs. Thomson

Gr. 4 - Mr. VandenDungen, Mrs. Murray,
Mrs. Lozano,

Gr. 5 - Mr. Morrison, Mr. Firth, Ms. McFarland
Learning Support Teacher - Mr. Scott

Fine Arts Teacher - Mrs. Harmon

Vice Principal - Mrs. Van Roon

Principal - Mr. Tyslau

CLASS LISTS

Class lists are currently being developed for the upcoming school year. You will be notified who your child's teacher is during the week of August 26th. Please note that the deadline for student profile forms is closed and we will not be taking classroom requests throughout the summer.

GRADE FIVE FAREWELL

Friday, June 23rd 10:00 - 11:15 am in the Plaxton Gym. Please join us for this celebration and farewell if you have a gr. 5 student moving on to middle school next year. Parents and extended family members are welcome.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

We are hosting a Welcome to Kindergarten event on Thursday, June 13 from 5-6:30 pm in the gym. This is a drop in event, so please come any time if you have a child entering kindergarten for the 2024/2025 school year.

SPORTS DAY

Thursday, June 20th. Please make sure your child comes to school this day prepared for the weather. Please send a hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Students will receive a treat from Kona Ice.

STAGGERED ENTRY GRADES 1-5

Please note that we will have a staggered entry for the first two days back to school. If you have a child in kindergarten, a specific schedule for kindergarten students will be provided to you before the school year begins.

Last Names A-L - attend on September 3rd

Last Names M-Z - attend on September 4th

All students - attend on September 5th

HOT LUNCH DAY

Tuesday, June 18- A&W

Deadline to order June 7

Hot Lunches are available to order through SchoolCash Online .

SCHOOL COUNCIL & SOCIETY MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 19 - Art Room
 7PM - School Council Meeting
 8PM - Plaxton Busy Bees Society Meeting

All parents/guardians are welcome!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are excited to share with you all information about a new approach to parent engagement and communication for the upcoming 2024/25 school year. In a refreshing shift from traditional meetings and structures, we are introducing a more innovative and engaging format that puts students and their learning at the heart of the discussion. Changes will be seen in the format of parent/teacher conferences, Meet the Teacher Night, Celebration of Learning and report card comments. We are also inviting families to the new "Hive Nights" happening three times in the school year. This shift comes from a year-long discussion and review with staff and parents around effective and meaningful ways to communicate student learning, growth and achievement.

Linked below is our "Hive Handbook". We have also translated the document into 16 different languages for our school community!

We are very much looking forward to next year and hosting the various evenings and events and sharing in rich, meaningful conversations and dialogue about your child's learning. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either Lois Van Roon (Vice Principal) or Andy Tyslau (Principal).

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| English Handbook | Korean Handbook | Tamil Handbook | Chinese (Traditional) Handbook | |
| Hindi Handbook | Tagalog Handbook | Persian Handbook | Chinese (Simplified) Handbook | |
| Spanish Handbook | Arabic Handbook | Pashto Handbook | Ukrainian Handbook | Punjabi Handbook |
| Ahramic Handbook | Nepali Handbook | Tigrinya Handbook | Gujarati Handbook | |

Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary
BELL SCHEDULE
 2024-2025

Kindergarten—Grade 5

Monday - Thursday
 8:40 am - 3:45 pm

Friday
 8:40 am - 11:30 am
 *No School Friday afternoon

K-Gr 2 Nutrition Breaks

Mon-Thurs:
 10:25-11:00 am - Morning snack & outside recess
 12:40-1:15 pm - Lunch & outside recess

Fri:
 10:20-10:35 am - Morning snack & outside recess

Gr 3-5 Nutrition Breaks

Mon-Thurs:
 11:10-11:45am - Morning snack & outside recess
 1:25-2:00 pm - Lunch & outside recess

Fri:
 10:20-10:35 am - Morning snack & outside recess

LINKS (click on the links below for more information)

- [KIDS OF STEEL](#)
- [READY SET GO](#)
- [DR PLAXTON CLOTHING/SWAG STORE](#)
- [WELLNESS BYTE](#)
- [DIGITAL DETOURS](#)

MHCB'S SUMMER FUN CALENDAR
 July 2024

Tue	Wed	Thu
2	3 Henderson Lake Park 10AM-2PM	4 Gyro Park 157 10a Ave S 10AM-1PM
9 Our Lady of Assumption 10AM-1PM	10 Our Lady of Assumption 2PM-5PM	11 Legacy Park 10AM-1PM
16 St Paul's School 10AM-1PM	17 St Paul's School 2PM-5PM	18 Chinook Lake Park 10AM-1PM
23 Nicholas Sheran School 10AM-1PM	24 Nicholas Sheran School 2PM-5PM	25 Nicholas Sheran Spray Park 10AM-1PM
30 Lakeview Elementary 10AM-1PM	31 Lakeview Elementary 2PM-5PM	

Park Pop Up's
 August 2024

Tue	Wed	Thu
30 Lakeview Elementary 10AM-1PM	31 Lakeview Elementary 2PM-5PM	1 Henderson Park 10AM-1PM
6 Senator Buchanan School 10AM-1PM	7 Senator Buchanan School 2PM-5PM	8 Westminster School 10AM-1PM
13 Coalbanks School 10AM-1PM	14 Coalbanks School 2PM-5PM	15 Crossings Park 10AM-1PM

FREE AND FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays MHCB will be joining our community partners for a larger event. Check out [buildingbrains.ca/events](#) for updates on these days.
 On Thursdays you will find the MHCB team @ Building Brains offering hands-on activities with some fun goodies to take home. Find us on Facebook for updates!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!